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## How POWs Learned of Moon Flight

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An ex-POW in North Vietnamese captivity for more than six years said yesterday a Communist error in judgment let the American captives know the U.S. had put a man on the moon.

Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Brunstrom, 41, shot down over North Vietnam April 22, 1966, told a news conference the POWs knew they were being fed propaganda over a "squawk box" in their cell area and automatically reversed the sense of everything they were told.

"If what they were saying was bad, we assumed the other way around," he said.

Brunstrom, a veteran of nearly 25 years in the Air Force, said "our first indication that the U.S. had landed a man on the moon came in a radio broadcast.

"When they said Neil



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LT. COL. BRUNSTROM  
'It was a slip'

Armstrong did not have to walk on the moon to know what the lunar landscape looked like, he could have walked in rural North Vietnam — this is how we got that information. It was a slip. We were not meant to know it."

Brunstrom refused to answer any other questions about life in captivity.

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